

# Human Trafficking Missing Persons

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#### Human Trafficking Agenda

- Video-Barbara Amaya-Victim
- Definition and Types of Human Trafficking
- Can Human Trafficking occur in rural KY?
- Who are the Victims of Human Trafficking?
- Human Trafficking in Numbers
- Elements of Human Trafficking
- Possible Human Trafficking Indicators
- Reporting Alleged Human Trafficking
- Missing Persons

#### Barbara Amaya

- Human Trafficking Victim
- How old was she when she ran away?
- Reston VA...All American Town
- Dependency issues?

### Human Trafficking Defined

- The illegal movement of people, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation
- According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security it is "Nothing less than Modern Day Slavery"

## Human Trafficking Types

- Sex Trafficking: When a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, OR in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- Labor Trafficking: The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. (1)

<sup>1.</sup> Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-386 (2000), available at http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/10492.pdf.

# Can Human Trafficking Happen Here?

- Week of 15 Aug 2016, complaint at a local truck stop involving who appeared to be teenagers selling magazines
  - If no magazines were sold they offered sex
- July 2016
  - 47 Juvenile complaints regarding Human Trafficking
    - 4 Criminal Cases
    - 2 Arrest

#### Berea, KY

- Arranging for their 13- and 14-year-old daughters to provide "companionship and affection" to male individuals in exchange for money and goods.
- Teacher spotted two provocatively dressed girls outside of a Richmond movie theater.
- Girls' mother approached men in stores asking if they'd like to spend time with her young daughters.
- **2009-2011**





### Lexington, KY

- First person in Kentucky convicted of federal sex trafficking charges.
- Clients paid \$30 for 15 minutes of sexual activity.
  - Spanish-speaking women were lured with the promise of legitimate work but were forced or persuaded to perform sex acts for money instead.
  - Defendants drove and delivered the prostitutes to customers in Fayette, Woodford, Oldham and Jefferson counties
  - Also operated a brothel at Cross Keys Drive
  - Victims were rotated to cities including Indianapolis, Nashville and Atlanta.









Marco Antonio Flores-Benitez



#### Campbellsville, KY

- Trafficking children in Taylor, Green,
   Adair and Barren counties.
- Engaged in a conspiracy to recruit, entice and transport two underage girls to engage in commercial sex acts.
- Paid \$30 per encounter but Cancino took half.
- Arranged the meetings between the girls and Hispanic men who were clients.
- Would send text messages to her from his cell phone asking if she wanted business.



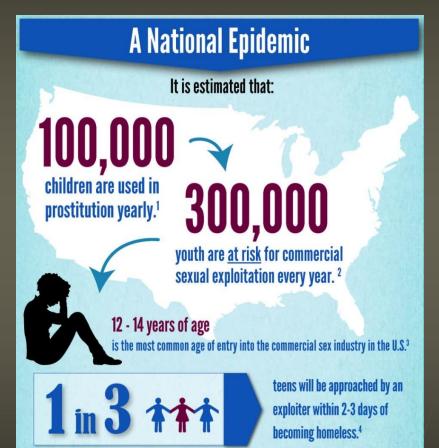
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## Lexington, KY

- Owners of several Lexington Subway restaurants.
- Accused of forcing four undocumented Indian citizens to work, and housing some of them in a hidden room located in the couple's home.
- Allegedly withheld food from them and hit them.
- Employee's were in debt to the Patels for tens of thousands of dollars for their trips to the United States.
- During an interview, one employee referred to them as his owners.



#### The Victims



**83%** of sex trafficking victims found in the U.S. were U.S. citizens

#### - Risk Factors

- Youth
- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Desperation
- Homes in countries torn by armed conflict, civil unrest, political upheaval, corruption, or natural disasters
- Family backgrounds strife with violence, abuse, conflict
- Homelessness
- A need to be loved
- Immigration Status

#### The Victims



- Survey of 339 youth:
  - Alameda County, CA
  - Between January 2011 and August 2013

## Human Trafficking in Numbers

- Internationally
  - Second largest and fastest growing criminal enterprise (1)
  - 98% victims are women and children
  - 27 million victims (2)
  - 1 million children exploited in commercial sex every year (3)
  - \$150.2 billion dollars generated worldwide (4)



1)Administration for Children & Families, U.S. DEPT. OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/index.html (last visited Jan. 13, 2012).

2)U.S. Dept. of State Trafficking in Persons Report (2012), available at http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2012/index.htm.
3)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE FACTS ABOUT CHILD SEX TOURISM (2005) at p.22 (2005), available at http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/47255.pdf

4)INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE, PROFITS AND POVERTY: THE ECONOMICS OF FORCED LABOUR (2014), available at <a href="http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\_norm/---declaration/documents/publication/wcms\_243391.pdf">http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\_norm/---declaration/documents/publication/wcms\_243391.pdf</a>. See also REMARKS AT THE RELEASE OF THE 2014 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT, U.S. DEPT. OF STATE (June 20, 2014) available at <a href="http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2014/06/228083.htm">http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2014/06/228083.htm</a>. See also CIVILIAN SECURITY, DEMOCRACY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS: THE ECONOMICS OF FORCED LABOR, U.S. DEPT. OF STATE (June 2014), available at <a href="http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2014/06/228083.htm">http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2014/06/228083.htm</a>.

#### Elements of Human Trafficking

#### **Force**

Kidnapping
Torture
Battering
Threats with Weapons
Sexual Abuse
Confinement
Forced use of Drugs
Forced Abortions
Denial of Medical Care

#### **Fraud**

Promises of Valid Immigration Documents Victim told to use false travel papers Contract signed for Legitimate Work Promised Job differs from actuality Promises of Money or Salary Misrepresentation of Work Conditions Wooing into Romantic Relationship

#### Coercion

Debt Bondage Threats of Harm to Victim or Family Control of Children **Controlled Communication** Photographing in Illegal Situations Holding ID/Travel Documents Verbal or Psychological Abuse Control of Victims Money Punishments for Misbehavior

## Possible Indicators of Human Trafficking

- Bruised in various stages of healing caused by physical abuse
- Scars, mutations or infections due to poor medical care
- Poor eyesight and/or eye problems due to dimly lit sites
- Malnourishment and/or serious dental problems
- Is the Victim in possession of identification/travel documents?
- Does the Victim seemed "coached" in their response to authorities
- Was the victim recruited for one purpose and then forced in some other job?
- Does the victim have freedom of movement?
- Has the victim or family been threatened with harm if the victim escapes?
- Has the victim been threatened with deportation?
- Has the victim been deprived of food, water, basic necessities?
- Can the victim freely contact friends or family?
- Is the victim permitted to attend religious services or to socialize?

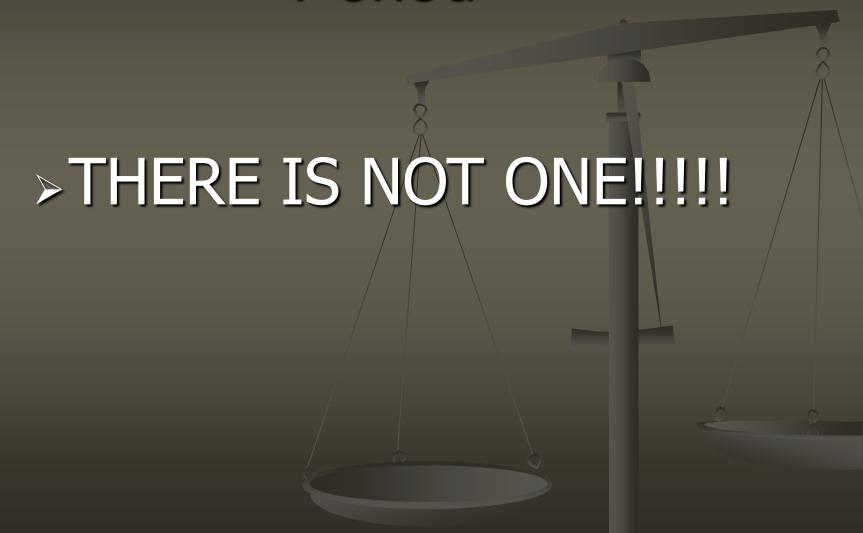
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- Is the juvenile accompanied by someone who is controlling?
- Is the juvenile accompanied by someone who gives all the information?
- Does the juvenile have trouble due to communication barriers?
- Does the juvenile appear submissive or fearful?
- Is the juvenile adequately dressed for the weather?
- Does the student reference someone who keeps them on the premises?
- Does the student live in a degraded, unsuitable place/share sleeping quarters?

# If You Believe Someone is a Victim of Human Trafficking:

- Call **911** if there is an emergency or crime occurring
- Then...
  - National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Number 1-888-373-7888 or send a text to BeFree (233733)
  - National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4ACHILD
  - Department of Homeland Security 1-866-347-2423
  - Kentucky Attorney General's Office 1-866-524-3672
  - National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 1-800-843-5678

# Missing Persons Waiting Period



## Missing Persons Kentucky 2015\*

Reported Missing

■ 17 and Under

**18-20** 

■ 21 and older

■ TOTAL MISSING

144

145

307

596

\* Doesn't include recovered individuals

#### What is a Missing Child?

- **42** U.S.C. Section 5772 says...
- Any person under the age of 18 whose whereabouts are unknown to the individual's LEGAL custodian.
- *THE PROTECT ACT* of 2003 amended the 42 U.S.C. Section 5772

## Initial Report Taking

- Particular care must be exercised with missing children and mentally or physically impaired
  - Children under 12,
  - Elderly
  - Individuals who are insufficiently prepared to take care of themselves

## "Missing Critical"

- Is the child with or maybe with someone who could cause the child harm?
- May have been the subject of a parental abduction
- Has run away from home prior, and with a history of unexplained absences
- Missing due to foul play

## "Missing-Critical"

- Because of the missing person age, (very young or very old)
- Suffers from diminished mental capacity or medical conditions that could be life threatening. (Medications)
- Mental Patient
- Suicide Threat

#### "Runaways"

- AFTER a thorough investigation, missing juveniles who have left voluntarily and have no missing critical circumstances should be classified "Runaways"
- Runaways should be entered into L.I.N.K. and N.C.I.C. as soon as possible
- Exhaust every location the runaways could be

